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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR MANAGING CLIENT
ACCESS TO A SHARED RESOURCE

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated January 27, 2005 ("Final Office Action") and the Advisory Action dated April 15, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-39 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. On May 25, 2005, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the rejections. As a result of this discussion, the Examiner said he would allow an independent claim having the requirements of claims 1, 2, and 12 and another independent claim having the requirements of claims 1, 6, and 12. The Examiner said he would enter this after final amendment. Applicants have amended herein the method claims as discussed, and made similar amendments to the system and program claims to place this case in condition for allowance. Claims 12, 25, and 38 are canceled and additional amendments were made to make the claim language of dependent claims consistent with the amendments to the independent claims from which they depend. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-11, 13-24, 26-37, and 39 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12.